

**RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE**  
**Department of Natural Resources**  
**Room 1060**  
**August 10, 2004**

Minutes

Member Present:

SOWARDS, Glade – Utah Energy Office  
PAYNE, Val – Department of Natural Resources  
HARTY, Kimm – Utah Geological Survey  
BRADWISCH, Bill – Division of Wildlife Resources  
KEENE, Michael – Office of Technology & Science  
ZAREKARIZI, Susan – State Parks & Recreation  
SCHLOTTHAUER, Bill – Division of Water Rights  
GUNNEL, Roy – Utah Department of Agriculture & Food  
REICHERT, Mike – DEQ/Division of Water Quality  
DANIELS, Ron – Division of Oil, Gas & Mining  
KAPPE, Karl – Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands

Others Present:

WRIGHT, Carolyn – Department of Natural Resources  
LANDURETH, Brenda – Department of Natural Resources  
RIGTRUP, Keith – Bureau of Land Management  
HIGDON, Matthew – Bureau of Land Management  
ARMSTRONG, Lori – Bureau of Land Management  
SEIDLITE, Aden – Bureau of Land Management  
CLARK, Bob – Division of Air Quality  
CARLILE, Mat – Division of Air Quality

**I. Approval of Minutes**

Glade Sowards called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Susan Zarekarizi requested that the text on page 2, regarding Bear Lake planning be changed to read that the “planning process was just initiated.” Bill Schlotthauer moved to approve the July 13, 2004 minutes. Mike Keene seconded the motion. The July minutes were approved unanimously.

**II. Special Discussion/Presentations**

**Richfield Resource Management Plan Draft Alternatives Briefing– Aden Seidlitz and Lori Armstrong, Bureau of Land Management**

The Richfield Resource Management Planning process was initiated in 2001. The purpose of this planning effort is to update six outdated plans into a single resource management plan. The project area includes 2.1 million acres of BLM surface managed lands in Sanpete, Sevier, Piute, Wayne and Garfield Counties. Alternatives include; No Action – continuation of existing management, Alternative A – emphasizes motorized access, commodity production and extraction, Alternative B (Preferred Alternative) – Emphasizes natural resource protection and improvement in ecological conditions while providing commodity production and extraction, and Alternative C – Emphasizes the protection of natural systems.

Information was provided regarding Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, Wild and Scenic River, Recreation/Special Recreation Management Areas, Off-Highway Vehicle Designation and Oil and Gas Leasing alternatives. Management will consider wildlife and livestock grazing issues. Resource management prescriptions will be based on goals and objectives.

Send comments to Val Payne by August 25, 2004. Please focus on particular areas of interest and review how any comments have been addressed in the draft. The draft Richfield RMP will be available for public review in late September 2004.

## **II. Reports from Agencies on Any Anticipated Projects**

Bill Schlotthauer, Division of Water Rights, announced the Eagle Mountain and Kanab public meetings. Comments are due the end of August 2004.

Bob Morgan signed a letter to the congressional delegation regarding the Big Straw Project stating the departments' position. The Southern Nevada Water Authority is interested in drilling 60 water wells in Clark, Whitepine and Lincoln counties that will produce 6-10 cfs each. The water will be transported to Las Vegas. Utah impacts will require review. Please see Bill Schlotthauer for further information and review.

Ron Daniels, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining reported that a rule revision process would transfer some board responsibilities to the division level for some technical based decisions.

Glade Sowards reported that the Utah Energy Office provided a single gas well analysis for the Uinta Basin Energy Days. Economic impacts from a single gas well.

Karl Kappe, Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, is working on removing debris and pipes in the Great Salt Lake that pose a navigational hazard.

Matthew Higdon, BLM, announced that the Draft Vernal RMP will be completed the end of September 2004.

## **IV. Review of Proposed Items as Listed on the Project Management Library**

No other items were noted. The Project Management Library is not available at this time.

## **V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:02 a.m. The next meeting will be held on September 7, 2004, at 9:00 a.m., in room 1060.